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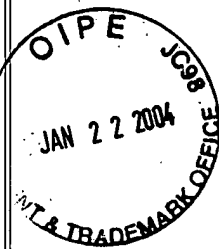
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Application No.: 09/739,975)	Group Art Unit: 2871
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Filed: December 20, 2000)	Examiner: T. Rude
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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY)	
ELEMENT)	

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR INITIALED FORM PTO 1449

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on November 6, 2003. In reviewing our file, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and the postcard that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, are attached.

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If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Request, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.


Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Publication No. 2000-019530 is discussed on page 2 of the above-identified application. The publication is referred to by its application number (Japanese Patent Application No. 10-184903).

2. Japanese Publication No. 10-319377 was previously submitted to the Patent Office with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 2, 2001. Applicants would like to point out that this publication is discussed on page 3 of the above-identified application.

English-language abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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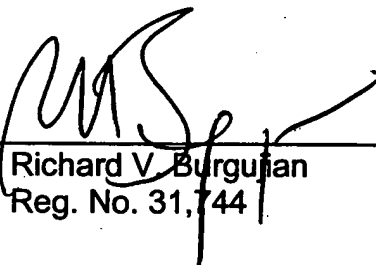
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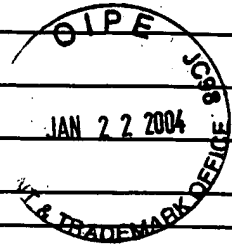

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